News release

First storm of autumn

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The first storm of autumn will hit northern and western parts of Britain on Thursday night and Friday morning, Met Office forecasters warned today.

The intense depression will blow in from the Atlantic on Thursday night bringing high winds and heavy rain, with parts of Northern Ireland, Scotland, northern England and Wales most at risk. Winds in these areas are likely to exceed 70 m.p.h.

Keith Groves, Head of Forecasting at the Met Office, said: "Until now autumn has been relatively quiet in terms of Atlantic storms. However, this one will remind us what autumn can bring and the winds we expect in the north and west may well bring down trees and cause some minor structural damage".

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